



Update on Career and Technical Education Partnership Programming

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

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RE: *Update on Career and Technical Education Partnership Programming*

The following report is an update in response to the motion by Dominik Lay:

Ask the Superintendent to develop a partnership with the Greater Lowell Technical School to afford students to learn a trade while attending Lowell High School.

In the Fall of 2019, staff at the Greater Lowell Technical High School and Lowell Public Schools worked together to obtain a Career and Technical Education Partnership planning grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, a team from the Greater Lowell Technical High School and Lowell Public Schools met to discuss the development and implementation of an initial Career and Technical Education Partnership program that would be made available to LHS students for the 2020-2021 school year.

In March 2020, the application was submitted to the DESE for two new secondary-level Chapter 74 Partnership Program designations at Greater Lowell Technical High School. The approval process required the programs to meet Massachusetts General Law Chapter 74 and the criteria in the Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.00, which include demonstration of the labor market and student demand for the program. The two programs submitted were:

1. Advanced Manufacturing - Machine Tool Technology
2. Information Technology – Programming and Web Design

Commissioner Jeffrey Riley granted approval to Greater Lowell Technical High School District for the Chapter 74 Partnership Program with Lowell Public Schools for the two above listed programs. Lowell High School (LHS) staff continue to market these programs to students and families through virtual meetings, fliers and videos. This program allows two cohorts of LHS students to participate in required academic coursework at LHS while participating in a Greater Lowell Technical High School Chapter 74 program.